



## Community Weekly Update September 19-23

Monday, September 19	Day 5	<b>Terry Fox T-shirts available through cash online.</b>
Tuesday, September 20	Day 1	<b><i>Mrs. Luker (Vice-Principal) at Gatestone Location</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire Drill during a transition time</li> <li>• 2PM Hold &amp; Secure Drill</li> <li>• Baseball Tournament (Junior)</li> </ul>
Wednesday, September 21	Day 2	
Thursday, September 22	Day 3	<b><i>Mrs. Luker (Vice-Principal) at Gatestone Location</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shelter in Place Drill</li> <li>• Baseball Tournament (Intermediate)</li> </ul>
Friday, September 23	Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grades 6-8 NYA:WEH</li> </ul>

### Upcoming Events/Activities

- School Council Meeting (Hybrid Model): Wednesday, September 28 6:00PM at Gatestone (Location Learning Commons area or contact school office for MS Teams invite)
- Cross Country: Tuesday, October 11
- Open House: Wednesday, October 12 5:00PM-6:30PM

## Community Updates

### Re-Imagining Wellness

Across HWDSB, we are also reintroducing a welcoming, inclusive initiative to help students as they return to school. Reimagining Wellness 2.0 is a series of activities and lessons which address needs arising during the pandemic.

Educators select various engaging and inclusive lessons to support student well-being. Educators work through a series of activities based on the following three areas;

1. Community and Team Building
2. Physical Activation
3. Social/Emotional Skill Development

Teachers will teach for a total of 90 minutes a day, three lessons (30 min each), to support student wellness and a safe and inclusive classroom. **This week our theme is based on Understanding and Managing Emotions.**

### Secure Safe School Procedures

Gatestone will be holding 6 fire drills this year, 1 evacuation drill, 1 Shelter in Place drill, 1 Hold and Secure drill, and 2 lockdown drills. Some of these drills will be announced prior to the drill occurring and shared with community, while others may be more spontaneous so we can help better prepare our students and staff in the event of an emergency. Our first fire drill occurred on Thursday, September 15 and was managed very well by staff and students. Well done Gatestone! Staff and students will continue to practice this week. We will also practice a Hold and Secure drill and a Shelter in Place drill throughout the week.

You can also learn more about HWDSB's secure schools' protocol at <https://hwdsb.info/secureschools>

### Parent Volunteers

Parents/Guardians wishing to volunteer on school trips or athletic events or for other activities occurring in school must have a recent Vulnerable Sector Screening completed. Please connect with our main office if you interested in volunteering this school year. We are looking for volunteers for our upcoming junior/intermediate cross country meet, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

### NYA:WEH

Our NYA:WEH program for our Grade 6-8 students will be occurring every Friday starting next Friday. The Native Youth Advancement With Education in Hamilton Elementary Program, or NYA:WEH Elementary Program, is designed to provide wholistic academic and cultural support for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students in grades 6, 7, and 8, and is open to all students in those grades who would

like to learn. This program will explore cultural teachings, traditional skills, arts, music, and language, as well as building pathways to secondary and post-secondary education and career goals.

## Terry Fox Run 2022

Our annual Terry Fox Run is back! This year our event will take place on Thursday, September 29th. T-shirts will once again be available for students and their families to order. The cost is \$20.00 for Kids (6X/XS) and Youth sizes (10/M), and \$25.00 for adult sizes (S, M, L, XL, XXL). T-shirts can be ordered through school cash online from Monday, September 12th to Thursday, September 22nd. Donations can be collected using the pledge forms sent home, or online using the link below. We thank you in advance for your continued support of this very worthy cause.

Fundraising link:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/GatestonePSStoneyCreek>



## New Learning Space



Students preparing for role play while enjoying the new learning space provided by BELKO Landscaping this summer. Special thanks to our School Council, for also contributing some funding toward this project.

## **MABLES LABELS**

**GATESTONE WILL BE FUNDRAISING FOR STUDENT INITIATIVES THIS YEAR WITH MABLES LABELS. FOR EVERY PURCHASE OF MABLES LABELS ITEMS, GATESONE WILL RECEIVE A 20% KICK BACK. THE FUNDING WILL SUPPORT STUDENT FUNDS AT GATESTONE FOR EXCURSION TRANSPORTATION, STUDENT SUPPLIES AND TECHNOLOGY. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER.**

## School Council

Our 1<sup>st</sup> School Council first meeting and elections is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Families can meet with the Principal at 6PM in the Learning Commons area or join us through MS Teams online (please contact office for link if you are not on our council email yet). School Council forms are attached in this update for parents/guardians interested in joining our council this year. All families are welcome! Families do not need to be on council to attend our meetings. We encourage parent/guardian voice. Meetings will occur in-person and virtually throughout the year to accommodate families' schedules. Please see our website, School Council Page, for further details about Council.



### GATESTONE CORE VALUES

Check out our Gatestone Core Values “new” messaging for students and community. Embedding **RESPECT** for Human Rights within our Values is highlighted. We can remember our values by thinking of the word RESPECT, as equity is always considered through these values.



### GATESTONE CORE VALUES

#### **RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ARE EMBEDDED WITHIN OUR VALUES**

**RESPECT** - REGARD AND CONSIDERATION FOR THE FEELINGS, BELIEFS, AND TRADITIONS OF OTHERS. BEING KIND TO OTHERS.

**ENGAGEMENT** - TRULY CARE ABOUT OUR LEARNING. FOCUSED IN THE LEARNING.

**SAFE & SUPPORTED** - SEEK TO UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER. CHOOSE TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

**POSITIVITY** - OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK. POSITIVE INTENTIONS.

**COMMUNITY** - GATESTONE FAMILIES AND STAFF WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE AND MEET THE NEEDS OF GATESTONE SCHOOL. STUDENT, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY VOICE VALUED.

**TEAMWORK** - WORKING TOGETHER IN EFFECTIVE WAYS TO ACHIEVE A COMMON GOAL.

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